# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:216
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PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT UNDER PDS
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government procured wheat from the farmers/market during the current Rabi season for distribution under Public Distribution System (PDS);

(b) if so, the total quantum of wheat procured and the cost thereof;

(c) whether the policy of the Government to supply wheat to State Governments under PDS has been modified; and

(d) if so, the extent and manner in which the Union Government ensured the proper utilization of wheat supplied to State Governments under PDS?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH. KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. 226.82 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured by FCI and State agencies in Rabi Marketing Season 2008-09 for the Central Pool at Minimum Support Price of Rs.1000 per quintal.

(c):No, Sir.

(d):Does not arise, as no modification has been made to existing policy of supply of wheat to State Governments under PDS.